

Application No.: 09/887,593

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REMARKS

Claims 72, 80 and 92-105 are pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A Responsive Reply

Applicants thank the Office for the courtesy shown during the telephonic interview conducted on June 21, 2004. Applicants are also grateful for the Office acknowledging the *bona fide* attempt to respond to the Office Action, the response to which was filed on March 12, 2004. In the Communication mailed June 8, 2004, the Office alleged that the previous response was unresponsive. Specifically, the Office alleged that the originally elected Group, (Group I, claim 72), was drawn to a method of modulating cells that express 19P1E8 by administering a composition that alters the status of 19P1E8.

The Office alleges that the newly amended claims are independent and/or distinct from the claims originally elected. (Paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action.) Applicants respectfully disagree. Nevertheless, in a continuing effort to facilitate prosecution, Applicants have amended pending claims 72 and 80 to address the concerns of the Examiner. Specifically, these claims have been amended to recite methods that inhibit the growth of cells that express the 19P1E8 protein. It is Applicants position that this subject matter falls well within the four corners of the election previously made. As such, Applicants request that the previous amendment and the current claim amendments be entered.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have endeavored to address all of the issues raised by the Patent Office in the outstanding Office Action. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the various rejections and objections noted above be withdrawn and the present claims be passed to allowance. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to discuss these matters with the undersigned, who may be reached at the indicated telephone number.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 511582001810.

Respectfully submitted,

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